

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

COMMON COUNCIL

DECEMBER 15, 2015

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Brian Sheehan, and student advisor, Makayla Herbert answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

PUBLIC HEARING – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION EMS: The public hearing was opened for the request for additional appropriations for the EMS fund. There were no questions or comments. Conner moved to close the public hearing. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2015 meeting as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. We received the official OCRA award for the ADA grant and the pavilion for Riverside Park last week. We have been notified of the mobile home grant, but are waiting to receive the award.
2. ECDC had their meeting.
3. We had the bicentennial flag raising.
4. Heritage's Christmas party is the 16th.
5. January 1st at 1:00 will be the swearing in ceremony for the elected officials. The Lieutenant Governor will be the speaker. The ceremony will be at the Laughlin Center.
6. The amphitheater committee has signed the feature acts. They will announce them at a public event in January.
7. We have interviewed the applicants for the APC director's position. We will meet to go over details with the new director next Tuesday.
8. The deadline for the APC administrative assistant is the 23rd. We will interview December 30th.
9. There will be a press release regarding the fire department. At budget time we discussed the fact that next year they will have 17 guys on the department. In March

Chief Jenkins will retire from the department. He will step away for a 30 day period. Then come back as a civilian chief. The assistant chief will more or less be over the daily duties. There will be 3 shifts of 5 men. Fifty percent of the chief's pay will come from the fire department and 50% from the inspections from the zoning.

10. Cheryl Miller has contacted me regarding a program at the school for suicide prevention. She asked if we would have any available funding. The program will be February 18th. Sheehan made a motion for the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to find \$1,000.00 in this year's budget to give towards this program. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Copley informed the department heads that their final bills need to be in by the 22nd. She asked for 3 volunteers to sign the final docket on the 29th. Berkemeier, Bridges and Conner volunteered.

She also informed Council that \$17,540.99 was received for weed liens.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Bridges said he had investigated vandalism at some of the bus stops. While investigating he found at the bus stop on 11th Street the kids were standing in mud. He asked if we could put some gravel in the area. Miller said the Street Department would take care of the matter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: These reports were addressed under Mayor's report.

- **Amphitheater/Park Board –**
- **Marketing –**
- **APC/BZA –**
- **City Center –**
- **Cherry Street Extension –**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Street – The Street Department helped with new landscaping at the Police Department.

Park – Director Gurley said he received a price on fencing at the pool for \$8,000.00. He and the Street Department were able to make repairs. He also received quotes for the pool plumbing with 3 options.

In January they will begin making the updates to the Booker T. Washington kitchen. The facility will not be rented during renovation.

Gurley has discussed the use of the Boys and Girls Club for a wellness program for City employees. The club will allow the City employees to use the gym 2 nights a month for 6 months beginning in January.

Fire: Chief Jenkins said due to a ruling by the Indiana Housing Authority we will not tear down structures on the 1st set of BEP buildings until after the 1st of year.

He said the 2nd set of structures is currently being advertised. The pre bid is scheduled for December 29th, with bids being accepted January 6.

There will be a public hearing on the 29th for 3 replacements structures.

A list of properties was passed out for the revitalization program.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

BRIDGES LEFT THE MEETING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Animal Quarantine Fees** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-19. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BERKEMEIER LEFT THE MEETING

2. **NEW Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Control Ordinance** – Shelly Wakefield said there will be a public hearing Thursday before the Advisory Plan Commission to review the ordinances and make a recommendation to Council. On January 4th Council will hold a public hearing on the ordinances.
3. **Determine List of Council Appointments (Effective 12/17/15)** – Mayor Pavey informed Council that they have an appointment open on the BZA.
4. **Juvenile Diversion Program/Community Service** – Chief Tucker said all corrections have been made for the program. Sheehan made a motion to move forward with the program. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2015-18** – Additional Appropriation EMS – Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-18. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution 2015-20 – Adding Monies Back to Appropriations** – Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-20. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Ordinance 2015-14 Utility Wages 2016** – Conner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-14. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. **Ordinance 2015-21 – Creation of Joint Planning and Zoning Non-Reverting Fund** – Conner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-21. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Police Vehicle Purchase** – Chief Tucker asked permission to enter into an agreement to purchase a new 2014 Dodge Charger. The vehicle is under full warranty. Conner made a motion to enter into an agreement to purchase the 2014 Dodge Charger for \$22,297.00. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Signage Ordinance Applications** – Chief Jenkins said several places have asked for signage. Wakefield said the signage needs approval by Council and APC. The first sign was for Rush Memorial Hospital. Wakefield said even though it is on County land, but it is located in the City they still need the City's permission. She said the City can choose to waive the fee. Wakefield said there are specific rules and right of ways to abide by.

BERKEMEIER RETURNED

If the sign does not comply with the ordinance it would need to go before the BZA. Sheehan moved to approve as long as it meets with the new ordinance. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sign #2 – Rush County Flooring – Jenkins said it meets with the requirements and will be on the building. The awning will be removed, and the sign will be lit. Sheehan made a motion to table for further information and to inform the owners that they need to go before the Historic Board. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BRIDGES RETURNED

Sign #3 - K of C – The K of C requested a sign by the north side car wash. This is not their property. Sheehan made a motion to table for further information. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. **2016 Encumbrances** – Pavey said he and Copley will start working on encumbrances tomorrow.

CLAIMS: Bridges made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilman Berkemeier voting “nay”.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: John McCane said a lot has been going on. He traveled to Atlanta to discuss a company coming to Rushville, but the deal fell thru. We are currently in the final running for another prospective company. They will make their decision in January.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.